

(c) The Indian Commercial Pilots Association (ICPA) has issued a directive to its members not to operate to Jammu and Srinagar w.e.f. 26.1.2001, unless they are provided with safe operating environment and the airfields meet the basic criteria for Jet operations. Consequently, Indian Airlines scheduled flight to Jammu and Srinagar airports are being operated by the Executive Pilots of the Airline."

Permission to Foreign Airlines to launch Passenger Aircrafts in Domestic Flights

† 556. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to allow foreign airlines companies to launch their services of passenger aircrafts in the domestic flights of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps being taken by Government to make the present air services more effective and convenient?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Airlines are free to operate on any route in their commercial judgement subject of course to compliance with the Route Dispersal Guidelines which provide for certain minimum operations in specified category of routes. Under the existing competitive environment, passengers have wider choice. It is upto the concerned airlines to ensure measures for providing effective schedule and passenger convenience.

Expansion of Air Services

557. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.